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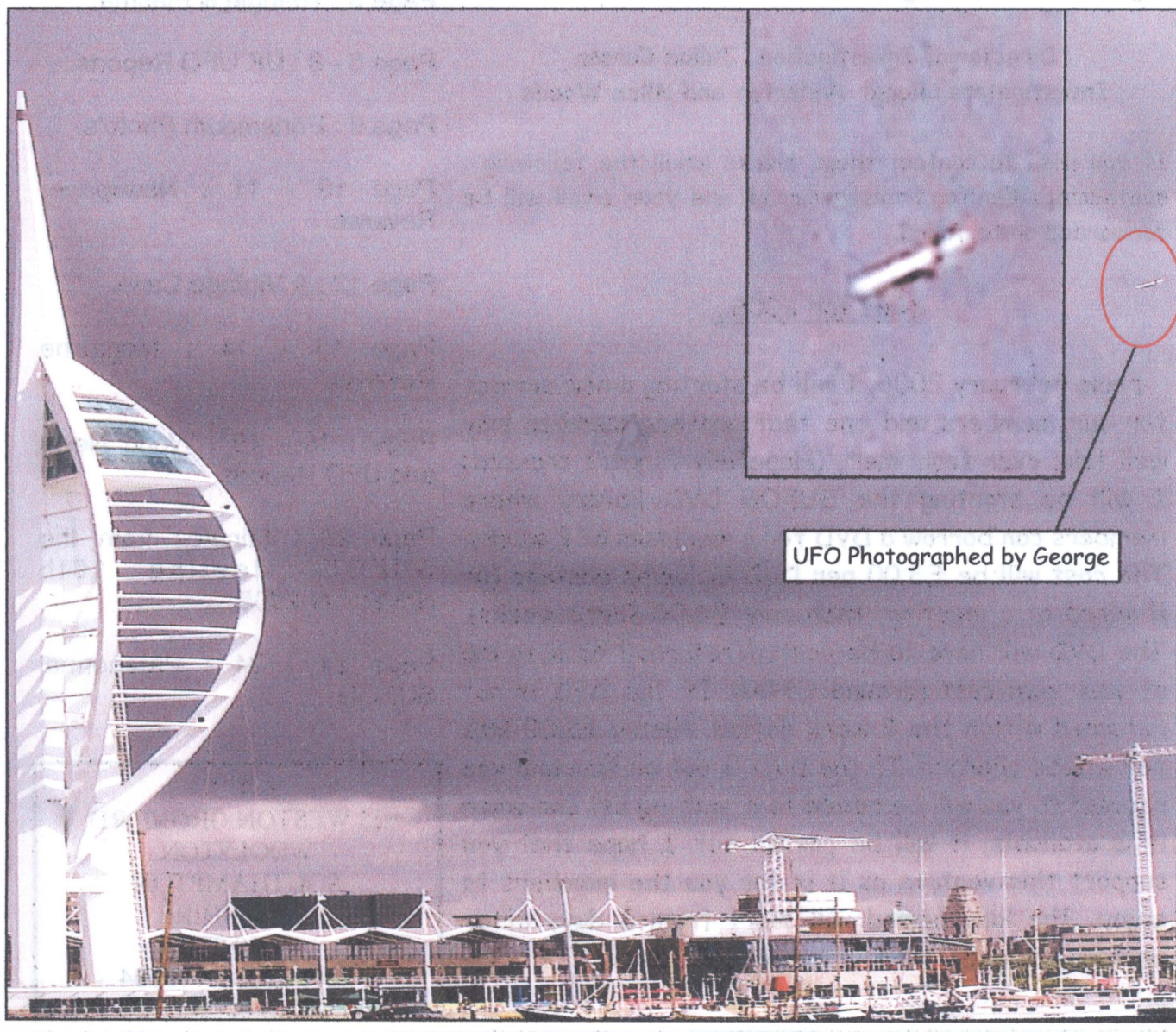
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Happy Christmas & New Year 2006



Editors Corner...

Another 2 months passes and it appears your editor dropped a clangor in the last newsletter. In the editorial I referred to page 25... Well, there was no page 25.. I should of put page 4 instead.. I put my hands up to that one, but hey we are all human... I think? This issue, being the Christmas edition, I have included some more images of Georges Photographs (See page 3 of the Sept / Oct 2005 issue) and your comments would be welcomed. I am hoping now to make the front cover color as well starting with this issue but we will have to see how we go due to cost etc.

Hopefully all members will have received the letter about the printer and if not, please let me know and I can forward it on. So far I can say we have : £185.00 towards the new group printer.

I can announce that we now have a new set up with regards to our investigators...

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Investigators : **Roger Anderton and Allan Woods**

If you wish to contact them, please email the following : southampton@sufog.freemove.co.uk and your email will be forwarded on to Julian.

New for 2006...

From February 2006, I will be starting a new service for our members and one that another member may well take over from me!!!. (Hopefully/Fingers crossed) I will be starting the SUFOG DVD library where members can borrow a DVD for a maximum of 2 weeks. The cost will be £3.00 per DVD including postage (or if hired at a meeting, then only £2.00 for 2 weeks). The DVD will have to be posted/returned back to me at your own cost (around £1.00). If the DVD is not returned within the 2 week period, then a £1.00 late fee will be charged. If the DVD is out on loan and you request it, you will be added to a waiting list and when it is available, it will be posted out. I hope that you support this venture as it is for you the members to enjoy. The loan period will start from 3 days after postage and end 3 days after date due back.

New item in the magazine - Minutes from our meetings will be recorded so that if you have any views or comments and also it keeps you all abreast of the way forward the group is going.

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SUFOG Members on BBC South Today :
29th November 2005...

I received a phone call to watch BBC South Today on the evening of the 29th November 05. So, I sat down to watch and saw group members Ernie Sears (Public Relations Officer (PRO) for SUFOG) and group member Davina Reynolds being interviewed. I have to be honest and say that I was not impressed with the program but beggars can't be choosers. What was more annoying were the errors through-out the program which to a degree made it a pointless program as far as the group is concerned...

Error 1 : They called Ernie Sears - Ernie Spears...

Error 2 : The group was called the Southern UFO Group and NOT the Southampton UFO group...

Error 3 : 'The group sky watch virtually every night'... Not true... But I wish it was...

If someone was watching this program and was desperate to find out more about the group, then they will have to be willing to hunt for us. I felt that some of the filming was over the top and I just did not like the presentation of the whole item. Overall I did not get too excited about the program and I feel that although it has brought the subject back out into the open in the South, it did not do the group any good due to the 2 very major errors. I suppose I will give it 7 / 10 but I think that is being a bit generous to say the least.

UFO'S Over Hampshire...
(Isle of Wight 1950 - 2002)
(Part 6)

DATE : 14th OCTOBER 1995

LOCATION : LINN BOTTOM TIP

TIME : 22.28 HRS

WITNESS : MR HINCH

HUGE LIGHT APPEARED ON BONNET OF CAR. SWERVED OUT OF THE WAY AND THE LIGHT VANISHED. THE SIZE OF A CAR. THE JOURNEY SHOULD OF TAKEN 12 MINUTES, TOOK OVER HALF AN HOUR.

SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997

DATE : MARCH 1996

LOCATION : VENTNOR

TIME : 01.38HRS

WITNESS : FEMALE

1 OBJECT AND 2 SMALLER ONES. SILENT, 300YDS AWAY. LARGE SILVER SAUCER SHAPED WITH BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHTS UNDERNEATH WITH A DOME ON TOP. SEEN FOR 25 MINS. THEY WENT IN SEPERATE DIRECTIONS, BUT RE-JOINED IN A GROUP AGAIN LATER.

SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997

DATE : 4th APRIL 1996

LOCATION : ISLE OF WIGHT

TIME : 01.00

WITNESS : UNKNOWN

BLACK TRIANGLE

SOURCE : ESSEX UFO GROUP DATA BASE

DATE : SEPTEMBER 1996

LOCATION : COWES

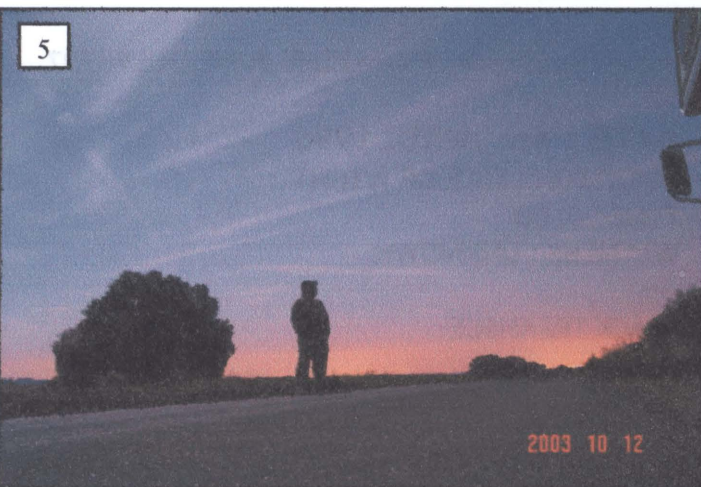
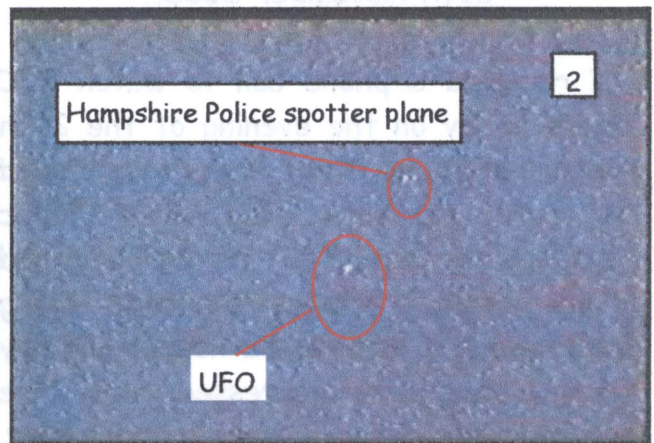
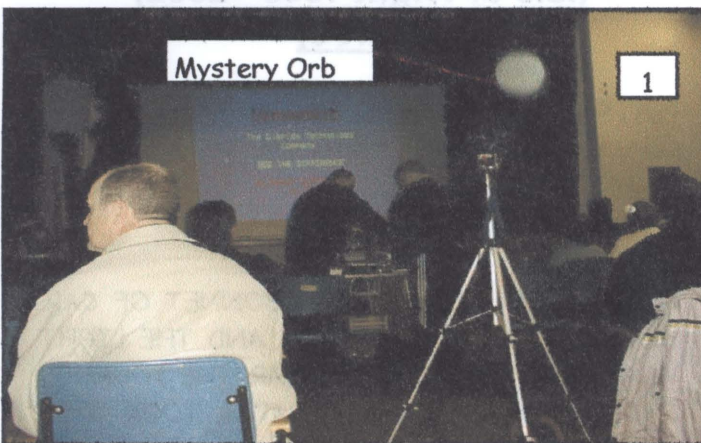
TIME : 12.30 A.M.

WITNESS : MALE

BRIGHT BUT HAZY LIGHT OVER E.COWES. STATIONARY, DULL BUZZING NOISE HEARD.

SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997
ALSO UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

Images from the SUFOG Photograph collection...



1. SUFOG conference 2001 - Orb...
2. SUFOG UFO Footage - UFO Centre and Hampshire Police Spotter Plane circling..
3. UFO Filmed on SUFOG Sky watch...
4. Leeds 2002 - Steve Gerrard & Steve Rider...
5. Steve Gerrard Skywatching (2 a.m.) 12.10.03...
6. Leeds 2001 - Dr. J. Mack & Steve Rider.
7. Leeds 2002 — (L to R) Dr. R. Lear, Steve Gerrard, Graham Birdsall & Steve Rider...

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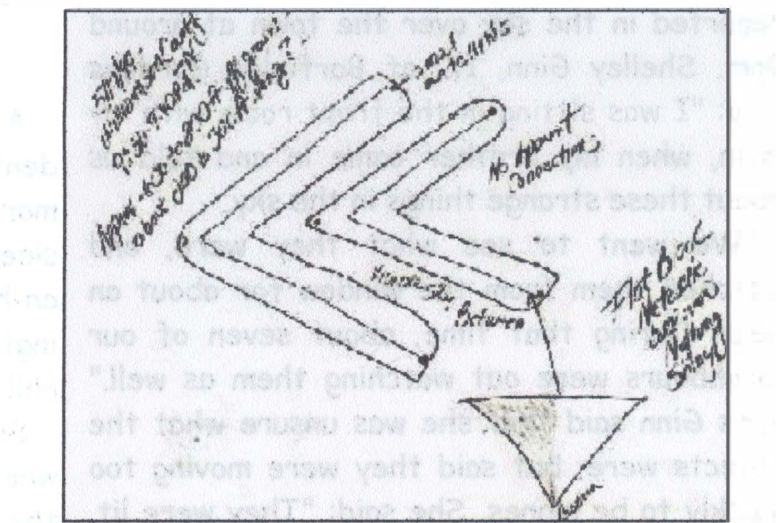
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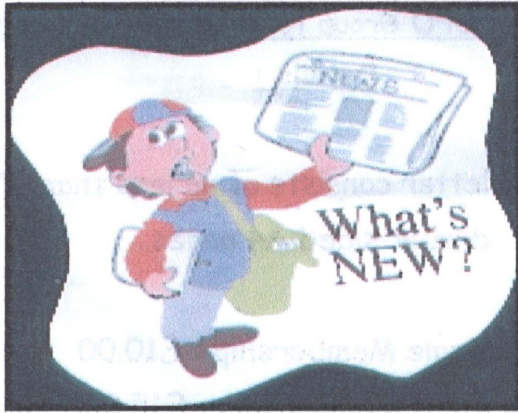
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Tennessee (USA) - Triangle and Plasma



BRISTOL -- My mother and I had just exited our home when we saw a very bright orange egg shaped light that at first appeared to be aircraft landing lights on October 31, 2005, on 7:40 PM. The misshapen glowing mass began descending slowly meandered downward (unlike a meteor) and seemed to "drip" orange fire like burning plastic. The object descended behind distant trees and we no longer saw it. My father contacted the local FAA office but unfortunately they did not see this from their vantage point in the tower.



UK UFO Reports...

Saturday 17th September 2005

UFOs Above Loughton...

Loughton was visited by aliens in bright triangular orbs on Saturday night or so some residents believe. Lit, flying objects were reported in the sky over the town at around 9pm. Shelley Ginn, 17, of Barfields Gardens said: "I was sitting in the front room with my mum, when my brother came in and told us about these strange things in the sky.

"We went to see what they were, and watched them from the window for about an hour. During that time, about seven of our neighbours were out watching them as well." Miss Ginn said that she was unsure what the objects were, but said they were moving too quickly to be planes. She said: "They were lit, orangey objects moving at real speed across the sky. They disappeared and re-appeared a lot, and there were about ten in total."

Saturday evening saw patchy cloud, but Miss Ginn said that although she was no expert, it was an extremely strange sight. She described the lights as "phenomenal" and "extremely bright". A report on international website ufoinfo.com described a "triangular formation of reddish/orange lights" and said they were orb-shaped. The website also noted that they made no noise, unlike aircraft, which can

clearly be heard on the ground when passing over residential areas.

A similar sighting was made in Epping in March this year, but it turned out that the floating objects were Thai lanterns that had been released at a wedding. Miss Ginn said that this had been mentioned to her as a possible explanation by a neighbour. She added: "It was like nothing I've ever seen before totally weird."

The Berkshire Chronicle...

Oct 11 2005...

Latest UFO Is Spotted Hovering Over Birch Hill Homes...

A noisy UFO woke Birch Hill residents in the early hours of Monday morning when it zoomed over the sleeping suburb. The craft spent half-an-hour hovering above houses in Jevington before zipping towards South Hill Park, according to witnesses.

Susan Mallia, who called the Midweek to see if anyone else reported the strange sight, said: "I have never seen anything like that before. It looked like a pile of scaffolding with lights, red, blue and orange ones. Story continues Continue story "It also had a big spotlight that was moving around. I don't think it was a helicopter because it sounded like a vacuum cleaner or a generator.

"Perhaps it was a weather balloon. It was very noisy, and it would have woken everyone in the area. It woke me at 2.30am and my husband and I

watched it for half an hour. "Just as he went to get his camera it headed off to South Hill Park and was out of sight -- but we could still hear it."

Midweek's sister paper the Bracknell News was invaded with calls of an extra-terrestrial nature over the summer as UFOs flocked to observe the town. Nowhere in Bracknell Forest was left out of the spacemen's tour, with the paper reporting sightings at the Coppid Beech Hotel (July 7), Birch Hill (July 14), Crown Wood (July 19), Binfield and College Town (July 28) and another in Binfield (August 30).

The News also interviewed local man Terry Walters, who claims he was operated on by aliens in the 1960s and has also exorcised a borough councillor's home. Since then alien visitors seemed to have flown south for the winter, but it appears they are once again spying on the town's residents.

The Western Mail... Oct 26 2005 Close Encounters Of The Mind Kind

Alien abduction is probably all in the mind, according to research presented today. A new study supports the theory that people who claim to have contact with aliens are psychologically vulnerable to false memories.

Compared with other people, they also believe more strongly in the paranormal, and report experiencing more X-Files-type activity, made famous by the programme starring Gillian Anderson (pictured) as Dana Scully. Wales has been a hotspot for UFO sightings, including a spate of reports of extra-terrestrial experiences in 1977, which led to a government inquiry into strange goings-on in the so-called Broad Haven Triangle.

But research by Professor Chris French,

head of the Anomalistic Psychology Research Unit at Goldsmiths College in London has suggested that this type of contact with alien life may be all in the mind. Prof French carried out the study by comparing 19 alleged "abductees" and 19 random volunteers. He found that in psychological tests, so-called "experiencers" scored more highly in a number of areas, including belief in the paranormal, a tendency to hallucinate, and "dissociative" tendencies which can lead to altered states of consciousness. They were also likely to fantasise, and had a history of sleep paralysis. Like other paranormal experiences, such as encounters with ghosts, alien abduction is often associated with sleep paralysis episodes, Prof French says.

In this state, a sleeper wakes to find him or herself unable to move but aware of their surroundings. At the same time, dream-like auditory and visual hallucinations may occur. Prof French, who will present his findings tonight at the Science Museum in London, said, "In the late 20th century, an increasing number of people around the world began to claim that they had had a most bizarre experience. 'Typically, they would report being taken from their beds or from their cars by alien beings.'"

These beings were often around four feet high, with spindly arms and legs and oversized heads. "The abductees, or 'experiencers' as they prefer to be known, would describe how they had found themselves on board an alien spaceship where they were subjected to (often painful) medical examination, during which sperm or ova might be

extracted. "Although it is hard to estimate just how many people have conscious memories of this kind it is likely to run into at least several thousand worldwide."

The findings were backed by Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, director of the Cardiff Centre for Astrobiology, who suggested claims of alien contact were derived from a desire to believe in extra-terrestrial life. "It's some kind of instinctive need to link up with life outside Earth, but the experiences that are recorded by these people are factors of the imagination. They have had the sensation of an encounter, but it can not be quantified or substantiated."

The Lichfield Mercury...
3 October 2005...
Strange Sights In The Sky?
Could aliens have landed in Lichfield?

Quite possibly, according to one resident who witnessed a mysterious object in the city last Monday night. The man, who does not wish to be named, was crossing from Western Road onto Curborough Road when he noticed a bright light in the sky, above the Anglesey pub.

"It was yellow like the sun and very, very bright," he said. "It moved very quickly and was almost in two parts - one half would move away and then the other would follow, always keeping the same distance.

"At first I thought it was a reflection off a street lamp but it was moving around like disco lights and looked like a flying saucer with a bubble in the middle.

"I was on my way to my mum's house so I ran off to get her but by the time we returned it had disappeared. "It didn't scare me at all, it was one of those moments I have always wanted to have - it blew me away." Our source claims four other people witnessed the apparition at about 7 p.m. on October 10...

SUFOG DIARY - 2006..

January 2006 :
Cattle Mutilations DVD.
(Not for the feint hearted)

February 2006 :
DVD Evening :
UFO's : Put to the Test
&
UFO Hot Spots.

March 2006 :
Rods. (DVD).

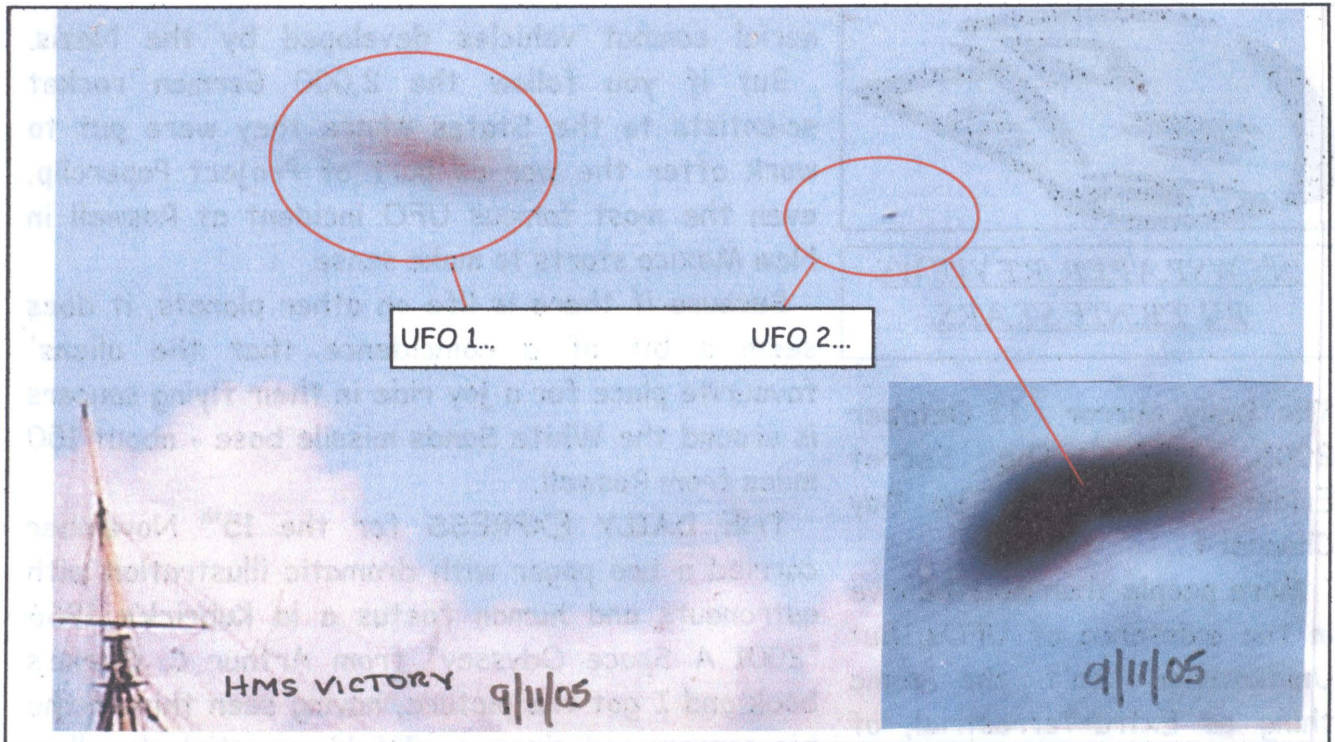
April 2006 :
Paranormal Evening:
Ghosts. (DVD)

May 2006 :
DVD Evening :
Real UFOs
&
UFOs, Lies and the Cold War.

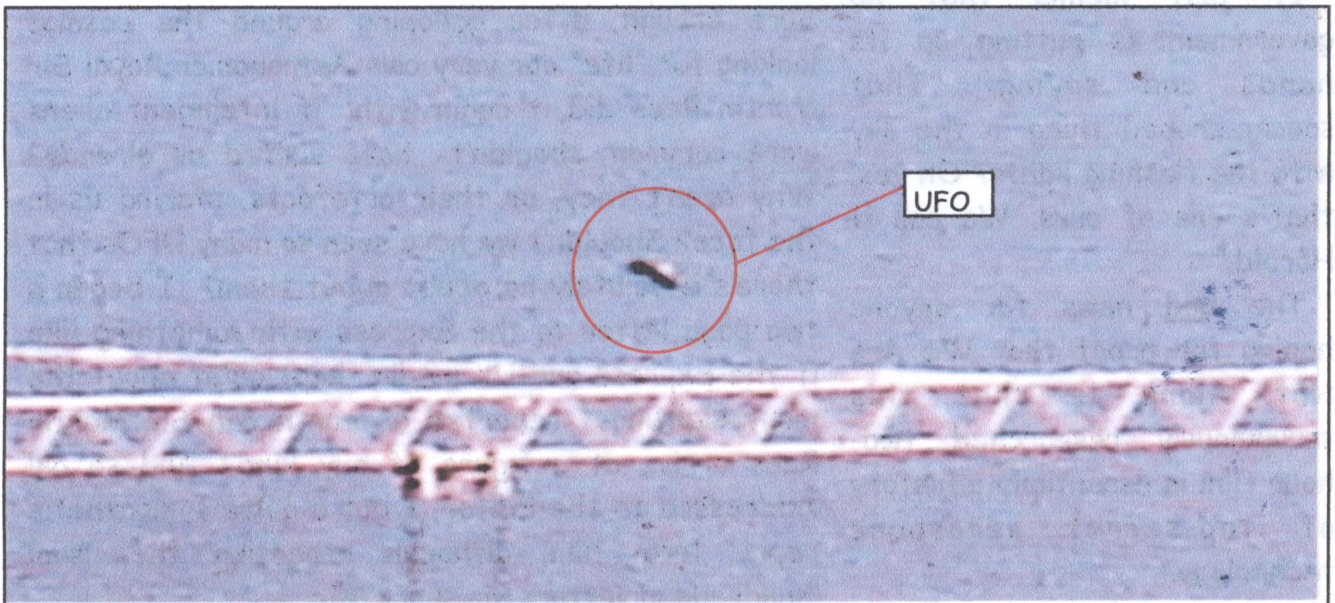
June 2006 : Group member
Presentation.
(TBA)

Meetings :
CIU Club,
Victoria Road,
Netley Abbey.
Southampton.
7.30 p.m. - 10. p.m.
£3.00 to cover room hire.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter.



Portsmouth Harbour ... 9th November 2005... Above..



Portsmouth Harbour ... 23rd November 2005... Above

More UFO's snapped over Portsmouth...

Yes readers... It appears that George has been photographing more images over Portsmouth Harbour and the naval base. (See last issue of the newsletter and the Southampton Advertiser for the 10th November 05). The remarkable thing is, due to George's poor eye-sight (he can

only see 2 or 3 foot in front of himself), he never actually sees the objects in the sky when he is taking the pictures. It is not until he prints them himself from his digital camera that the objects can be seen. Hopefully PRO Ernie Sears will give us a full update on the images and hopefully George will capture more unusual objects over Portsmouth.



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

The Daily Mirror : 13 October 2005.. UFOs: The Secret Evidence - Pick Of The Day Channel 4...

More people than ever believe in the existence of UFOs. But Unidentified isn't the same thing as Extra-Terrestrial, of course.

It just means that no government is putting up its hands and saying: "That saucer-shaped thing in the sky with the flashing lights? Oh yes, that's one of ours. We call it Harold."

The bad news for anyone hoping for proof that We Are Not Alone is that this scrupulously researched two-hour film is essentially a history of top-secret aerospace technology.

Leading defence journalist Nick Cook uses his expert knowledge and contacts to try to get to the bottom of 60 years of real-life X-Files.

He's certainly not the first person to suggest that the balls of light - known as Foo Fighters - which Allied pilots spotted during the Second World War were unmanned

aerial combat vehicles developed by the Nazis.

But if you follow the 2,000 German rocket scientists to the States where they were put to work after the war as part of Project Paperclip, even the most famous UFO incident at Roswell in New Mexico starts to make sense.

Because if there is life on other planets, it does seem a bit of a coincidence that the aliens' favourite place for a joy ride in their flying saucers is around the White Sands missile base - about 150 miles from Roswell.

THE DAILY EXPRESS for the 15th November carried a two pager with dramatic illustration with astronauts and human foetus a la Kubrick's 1966 "2001..A Space Odyssey"...from Arthur C. Clarke's book and I got the picture, having seen this on the big screen, and since, on TV. Huge article headline said "Yes, aliens DO exist"...but I held my breath! Sure enough, after galloping around the cosmos looking for "life" our very own Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees did it again with; 'if intelligent aliens were common, shouldn't have visited us already? Why aren't they, or their artefacts, staring us in the face? Shouldn't we have seen so many UFOs that there's absolutely no doubt about them? I began a two page letter to the Express with something like if the Express and UK media kept quiet about the many sightings reported on earth can Sir Martin Rees arrive at a figure of any kind? And so on! Addressed to the Editor, I got a quite sympathetic reply, from him, although repeating the usual 'hundreds of letters ,no space' etc.

THE DAILY EXPRESS for October 22nd had already headlined another two Pager with; Alien abductions; The Truth...a new look book by Susan Clancy, "Abducted".. published by...ha ha!...Harvard University Press. The author 'has spent many years investigating traumatic alien kidnappings. Here, as a new survey claims one in four people believe that ET exists, she reveals her fascinating, if disturbing, views, on what really happens in a close encounter'. The author sums up with us 'wrapping our gods and

angels in space suits and repackaging them as aliens' enough said.

THE DAILY EXPRESS (again!) of November 19th Another two Pager... written by ex MOD "expert" Nick Pope. Quite good, actually, since it concentrates on the Rendlesham Forest incidents, with "What is THE TRUTH About Britain's Greatest UFO Mystery"? Quotes author Georgina Bruni's book "You can't tell the People"....conveyed to her at a social event by Margaret Thatcher! Shows American Sergeant Jim Penniston's sketch of markings on the object that landed.. An updated book by Larry Warren is currently in the bookshops...worth getting?

THE SOUTHAMPTON ADVERTISER ran a good item of that Portsmouth Harbour "cigar" shaped object with the weird black "globes" around it so both SUFOG and yours truly got some useful exposure and from that a four hour filming session in my lounge and upon a VERY WET skywatch site in Grange Road, Netley Abbey, had SUFOG member Davina and myself on BBC TV SOUTH TODAY for about five minutes on Tuesday 29th November. Not bad, 'cept I got christened "Ernie Spears" and SUFOG was Transformed into Southern UFO Group.. Since put right by something planned by the BBC on the internet...we hope! Out of which the Portsmouth NEWS has got something from me due to be published anytime on the ongoing Portsmouth Harbour sightings and photos....no end to those yet! See our 14th December special Christmas meeting. More to come.

OK again. Three o'clock and magazine deadline looming around 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

tonight...for delivery to Steve! Getting to grips with floppy disc nowadays but continually running short of time!

Many thanks to "George" of Gosport and those amazing photos. My own past and present experiences lead me to believe HE has some sort of "link" with THEM" and doesn't just "happen" to be filming the Portsmouth Harbour area. I plan to share sometime with him soon....weather permitting! at the harbour, to see what might "develop"!

Hey! Best wishes to all members for a great Festive season and a better New Year than the one the world is suffering. Join with US to do your small but IMPORTANT bit. Wish your MP or such best wishes but tell him to get his finger out! If you see summat you don't like write to your local and national newspaper! THE TRUTH is OUT THERE and HERE TOO. If you are a genuine 100% "experiencer" you will possess THE KNOWLEDGE USE IT!

THE SHROPSHIRE STAR — 27th October : 'UFO' Is Seen By Brothers

A man believes he may have seen a UFO after he saw a "ball of bright white light" in the sky in Telford. Tony Millward said he and his brother, Steve, were getting groceries for their father when they saw a light flying in a straight line above Attwood Terrace, Dawley, at around 6.30pm on Tuesday.

Tony, 28, of St Leonards Road, Malinslee, said: "You could tell it was close but there was no sound and it was clean as a whistle in the way it moved. It just carried on going at the same pace and I saw it getting smaller and further away."

A Vintage UFO Case...

Bob Lazar...

Claims to have worked with alien craft at "Area S-4" in Nevada

Analysis by Glenn Campbell

Lazar offers an interesting, intelligent, unverifiable story surrounded by lies....

Bob Lazar claims to have worked with alien spacecraft at a secret U.S. Government facility at Papoose Lake, about 80 miles north of Las Vegas. Lazar initially made his claims on a local Las Vegas television station in Nov. 1989. He says he worked at a facility called "Area S-4" at Papoose Dry Lake, south of the known government air base at Area 51, in late 1988 and early 1989. There he says he saw nine flying saucers housed in hangars built into a hillside. Lazar says he had hands-on experience with one of the craft and he can describe its propulsion system in detail. Lazar says he read briefing papers about the alien presence but that he saw no aliens himself (aside from a fleeting glimpse of a small figure through a window at the facility).

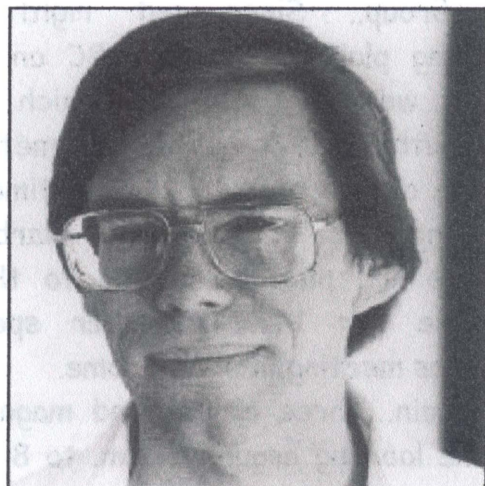
The core story is, almost by definition, unverifiable, since no one can go to Papoose Lake to check it out. The only thing we can investigate are the claims that surround it. If Lazar does not tell the truth about the things we can verify, how can we trust the things we can't verify?

Lazar has lied about his educational credentials and his position at Los Alamos. He claims that his records have vanished and that the government has turned him into a "non-person", but there are no specific records that can't be accounted for. Only his educational records are missing, which plainly never existed to begin with. All evidence indicates that Lazar worked at Los Alamos as a repair technician, not as a senior scientist as he claimed. There is also no evidence that Lazar has ever visited Area 51, which unlike the S-4 claim, can at least be checked out "off the record" through former Area 51 workers. Lazar says he travelled to "S-4" by way of Area 51 on daily 737 flights that hundreds of other workers take. Although he says that Area 51 was only a transfer point for him, he has been unable describe the arrivals area or what you see when you first get off the plane.

The simplest theory to explain the Lazar story is that it is completely false and that he concocted it initially to fool John Lear, who had been telling extravagant aliens-at-Area-51 stories for a couple of years before Lazar arrived. Lazar could have simply

fed back to Lear a more rational version of what Lear wanted to hear. Other more complex theories say that Lazar is recounting a real flying saucer experience that actually took place elsewhere or in different circumstances, or that he is a dupe or willing participant in some complicated U.S. Government or foreign government plan. (For example, it could have been attempt by the Soviets to probe or disrupt activities at Area 51. Is so, this would not have been the most convoluted deception of the Cold War.) Motivation for the fraud remains murky, as Lazar and his primary supporter Gene Huff have ignored or sabotaged many opportunities for financial gain from the story. (Although movie options and the saucer model kit have made the story profitable for him, Lazar seems disinterested in pursuing deals.) Thanks to Huff's aggressive attacks on anyone who questions the story, it is hard to find many Lazar supporters left in the UFO community, even among those who want desperately to believe.

All lies and mismanagement aside, Lazar's is a fascinating tale, compelling even as fiction. Its restraint and long-term internal consistency remain impressive. Lazar's straightforward explanations of his experiences, his healthy scepticism of other UFO claims and his early willingness to submit to hypnosis and a polygraph test remain intriguing. (The test was inconclusive, and the professional hypnotist believes Lazar's emotional responses to his recalled S-4 experiences were not faked.)[†] Ultimately, Lazar's claims have prompted the world to ask, "What is out there at Area 51?"





MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

RAPPORT magazine, the bi-monthly for the late Ken Phillips Witness Support did us proud in its September/October issue...featuring the weird object photographed by our Gosport citizen "George". with three shots over Portsmouth Harbour in its two page "Ernie's Column". More to come in the current issue due in December. Editor Mike Rutter tells of his visit to the Leeds Conference where Chris Martin impressed with his new footage of UFOs en masse over Mexican or South American skies. Mike mislaid his Notes!...I know the feeling... I've mislaid my mags at the moment! fingers crossed. Malcolm Robinson earned praise for his delivery with an in depth case history not heard of by some of the audience. Jason and Anne Andrews related past events and Jason his "escapades" in not enough time and Phillip Mantle Russel Callaghan brought up the bill. Noels "dreams" came true when encountering his red haired ladies in the flesh on an all night Australian bus taking him to his mothers funeral....hmmm! A "channelled" four pages entitled.... worryingly!, CRITICAL MASS... A

FINALWAKE-UP CALL? from Aristenna of the Spiritual Hierarchy Council of Light...rallying "Angelic Beings"...us! Those "chemtrails" apparent in our skies.... sinister.. or "saviours"? Several pages plus pictures. John Holman's "The Alternative Inhabitants", his "dead" uncle and the materialisation of his relatives old car with him sitting in it, waving! I know the feeling! Article on the 13 pager I gave Mike to condense...see earlier mention. "scars", indents, missing time etc. OK. SPACE and TIME or lack of it leads me to say RAPPORT is produced, written, etc by bona fide witnesses or abductees... no sceptics required!. While on that note, I'm seriously looking for those "out there" who have had the actual "experiences" and will share them with others or even just ME!

UFO monthly.com for November is a really good issue.. not just saying that 'cos Gary Heseltine published those Portsmouth Harbour photos.. in full colour... and, coincidently (!) the adjoining page had those swarms of unidentified flying objects over the M25 near Potters Bar 20/10/05...some fifty in number, while a Southampton lady had reported to SUFOG a similar 45 strong formation over Redbridge in September...she had a witness with her and they were she assured us, sober! The magazine... see www.interseti.com or www.ufomonthly.com, also featured a great new article from Rendlesham Forest witness Larry Warren...from an updated version soon to be released soon. Roundup of the latest UK sightings. Regular look at worldwide UFO news from the website Review of the Leeds Conference. Review of that Channel Four doc "Secret Evidence". While David Cayton writes an exclusive article on the current state of Crop Circle research. All in all this website based product is a sure fire attraction for really serious ufologists. Check it out NOW!

OVNI for Nov/Dec is the bi-monthly mag for Omar Fowler's Journal of the Phenomenon Research Association... a long running organisation Omar's Editorial runs much on the same lines as my brain! The forces of Nature concern his interest, especially in regard to the fluctuations of our sun. I believe we aren't being told much of what goes on but it's eruptions lately certainly can be held responsible and be seen.. and, much to the horror of its, victims, felt. Hence the increased attentions of "them". See article in this issue if Omar sees fit. Magazine contents include dramatic colour painting of the Incident at Socorro, depicting Lonnie Zamora's April 26th 1964 sighting of a strange, but not necessarily alien

craft, the one misguidedly depicted as a typical disc shaped UFO in that otherwise not bad "Secret Evidence" Channel Four doc. recently. Not even sure the OVNI depiction is correct either since descriptions at the time had the craft as an upright "egg". However.... Other OVNI articles include 'extraordinary lights seen over Preston 2nd September 05. Flashing blue lights, suddenly accompanied by an oval, with blue flashes, stops and starts, lasting for about half an hour Martian fossils come next NASA explanations looking suspect Nothing new about that.

Review of Channel Four's "Hidden Evidence" says presenter Nick Cook might as well not visited Russia. Poland, and the USA for evidence, and points out the inconsistencies in that Lonnie Zamora incident etc, while praising other matters.

The Great British UFO Show (I.e. the Leeds Conference) from the Yorkshire Post Today. Organiser Russel Callaghan says there's a few odd balls out there, but far outweighed by the more serious minded ufologists. 'About time it was said 'outweighed by the actual experiencers'! The REAL experts!

A flying Triangle report from Bognor Regis, 27th October 05, Norwegian FT's From 2003. A 1937 encounter, near Farnborough, reported by Omar Fowler in 1978 who interviewed Major F.Turner Bridger at that time.

OVNI available from 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9HR, £2 plus P and P.

AWARENESS for October represents Contact International UFO Research based in Oxfordshire, a long running pocket sized product, edited by Geoff Ambler who makes a good job of it's smart orange cover with an "Adamski" type UFO on the cover. Geoff also draws attention to the present state of fluctuating weather around the world... does he recall the "alien" warnings of many years ago, I wonder? Or the ditto warnings about

dangers of nuclear power? Will we ever learn? He might like to linger over my Po Harbour sightings and photos thereof! Plus the "formations" elsewhere in the UK, articles in the mag. include "UFOs from East Anglia", "From the Archives", "Crop Circle Report", "Paranormal Proof" (my own...thanks) "Letters", etc. All correspondence to; PO Box 23, Wheatley, OXON, Ox 33, 1FI.

Subs; £9 for four mags £14 for eight.

The Australian UFO Bulletin.. pocket sized and smart cover for this September Issue, with President Judith Magee's enthusiastic Editorial bearing fruit in its packed 32 pages, beginning Paul Norman's regular On the UFO Trail reporting very interesting and surely genuine sightings at close quarters, aided by his 'wonderful new gadget', with pretty coloured lights and squeaky beeper! Where can we buy it for SUFOG's skywatches... rare as they are these days due to "circumstances beyond our control"! A number of large glowing objects reported with the gadget operating until the objects vanished over an extended skywatch period of some days Violent disturbances in the Milky Way galaxy reported by the CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility. Magnetic fields are involved and scientists say these are not new, having been around for 'several million years'. So that's alright then! Articles covering The launch of a multi storied balloon by several countries, International sighting reports, the UFO early years, "We were chased by UFOs", Experts checking a certain crop circle in Wisconsin, USA, to confirm its origin, human or otherwise. Victorian (Australia) Sighting reports, quite a few, in fact, some very dramatic. Australian sightings reportedly on the increase...even the covert military have footage! This expertly produce magazine displays a very active UFO scene down under. Magazine, membership, all enquiries, etc. from the Victorian UFO Research Society, PO Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic.3189, Australia. email; vufors@ozemail.com.au...website;www.ozemail.com.au/-vufors

World News & UFO Reports...

**The Monroe Times - Monroe, Wisconsin,
USA... 31st October...**

Aliens Sighted Saturday In Belleville

Humans, aliens and other extraterrestrials gathered Saturday in Belleville for the community's annual UFO Day. The event has been going strong in Belleville since UFOs were sighted there Jan. 16, 1987.

Lindsay Brockert, a member Belleville Chamber of Commerce event planning committee, said several different sources reported unidentified flying objects flying between Belleville and New Glarus.

"If you're driving along (Wisconsin) 69 up the hill before Belleville, they were sighted to the left of that," Brockert said. "A Belleville police officer saw them and his partner saw them. Then different people looking out their windows all saw them, too."

The police officers reported seeing flashing red, blue and white lights suspended about 1,000 feet in the air about two miles south of the bluffs. Eventually, the lights moved to the southwest, accelerating until they were quickly out of sight.

On March 6, 1987, several Belleville citizens again reported seeing UFOs, this time in the afternoon sky and cigar-shaped. Between January and April 1987, there were more than a dozen reports of UFO activity from Belleville and New Glarus residents.

Bob and Barb Belle, also of Belleville, said a group near Elgin, Ill., that verified UFO sightings, actually confirmed there were objects that flew over Belleville in January. "There were sightings all over the world about that same time," Bob said.

Bob, a former teacher, said he once had a student in Arlington Heights, Ill., write a story about UFOs after researching

several UFO stories. "It was very interesting at that time because no one really talked about UFOs."

Saturday's UFO Day included a haunted ride for kids, a parade, a craft fair, a quilt fair, the UFO Fun Run, pumpkin decorating, a chili cook-off and a monster costume ball.

Held on Halloween weekend, the event drew a mixture of costumes, including witches with their faces painted green, a young Pharaoh, three girls dressed as chickens, a vampire, Batman and an alien with four eyes.

In the middle 1990s, Belleville made a proclamation concerning UFOs, Brockert said, naming itself the "UFO Capital of the World."

Canada - Sightings...

TORONTO -- I saw something that struck me as very odd on November 2, 2005, at 6:42 PM, while out for a walk with my infant son. At 6:42 PM, out of the corner of my eye I spotted a white streak that upon focusing on it went across the horizon till it was obscured by trees. This seemed whiter and brighter than a meteor or a shooting star.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA - The witness was out having a smoke on a balcony over looking the Bedford Basin and the Mackay Bridge on November 2, 2004, around 11:15 PM. The witness was looking up and something caught the witnesses eye. It had a three angled chevron shape. It was completely silent, and dark and didn't appear to be lit up. The witness noticed a red sort of

diamond shapes on it. This was nothing like an aircraft and flew in half an arc, flew a barrel roll and then it disappeared.

WEST INDIES

A formerly classified Air Intelligence Information Report #112 states: During the period 9 through 13 March 1958, three unexplainable radar contacts were made by equipment located in the West Indies. (Probably at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico.GF) according to recently released Air Force Documents. On two occasions, aircraft were vectored into the area the radar sites, with negative results. Interrogation of the scope operators has indicated that returns were strong and easily distinguished from cloud formations. Returns were definite when associated with clouds. Generally the tracks were triangular with speed of movement very erratic. Movement appears at times to evasive action. The incident of 9/10 March was tracked by gun laying radar. During the period of observation, radar maintenance personnel checked out the system completely. In addition, a lock was broken, however, this equipment immediately picked up target and locked on.

A second tracking radar situated on Tobago Island, locked on the return. Target generally remained in same area half way between the radar sites. Personnel stationed at sites reported seeing red and green lights but no noise was associated with the lights. Visibility was good. A commercial flight volunteered to investigate target and was vectored to a hundred yards of the target, but reported negative sighting. Target faded out at 0208 R on 10 March. At 10:12 search radar reported unidentified target and a T-33 jet was sent to investigate with

negative results despite being in the immediate area of the targets.

Contact was lost at 14:15R.

Air Intelligence Information Report 112.

Mexico Sightings...

November 1, 2005

From Mexico City's Clavería district comes the report of a large flying object that was accompanied by a smaller "escort" according to the eyewitness report of Gustavo Casasola, a renowned sky watcher.

Gustavo managed to find that it was a very large sphere that remained static for over an hour after heading for the volcano area (Editor: this is the area of the Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl volcano's at the southern end of Anahuac valley).

Subsequently, a report was received from Ricardo Antonio Morales, who reported a shining spherical object from the Coyoacán district as it hung suspended in the sky, noting that its intensity diminished as airliner went past at approximately 13:00 hours.

Slightly later, Victor Gabriel Gonzalez was able to videotape the aforementioned event from the town of Tepexpan in Mexico State, reporting that the sphere remained in the sky until 17:45 hours.

November 2, 2005

At 8:30 a.m., Ana Luisa Cid witnessed the transit of an elongated luminous object through her window. The object made back-and-forth movements which

were captured on videotape for a few minutes from Mexico City's northern region.

She subsequently received a report from Salvador Guerrero, advising her that a flotilla of spheres had been recorded at 15:20 hours and noting that the contingent was flying at a high altitude toward the Iztaccihuatl volcano. At night, young Ricardo Antonio Morales reported his sighting of a large green luminous sphere over the Mexico-Puebla Highway, witnessed by the passengers on the bus in which he rode toward the port city of Veracruz.

Prof. Cid maintained permanent cell phone contact with Morales and was able to pick up on the excitement of those present, suggesting that they take some photos, which he did. These will be provided after they have been developed, in the hopes that they meet with the necessary characteristics for timely publication.

Tehran Iran, Dogfight...

On October 25, 2005 - 10:46 AM 'For the first time, General Parviz Jafari, one of the Iranian Air Force F-4 pilots who actually flew the chase mission, describes one of the most credible of all UFO encounters, the famed "Tehran Dogfight." He give us his firsthand account of personally chasing this UFO across the skies over Tehran. This interview, conducted by Whitley Strieber and Dr. Roger Leir, is a worldwide first. No pilot who participated in the dogfight has ever come forward before.

'Listen as General Jafari describes from firsthand experience what the UFO looked like, and how it felt to chase it, and experience the bizarre events that transpired in the cockpit of his jet. There have been few other firsthand reports like

this from pilots, and this is by far the most frank, the most complete and convincing such report ever recorded.' (Dreamland audio stream). <http://vista.streamguys.com/strieber/102205.wma>

Editors Note: I briefed this report to the Commander of 21st Air Force and his staff in 1976. Our planes were operating daily into Tehran and this incident was taken very seriously and investigated by both the US and Iranian Air Force.

BUENOS AIRES -- Ricardo E D'angelo reports, "During four consecutive years, my little observatory has captured UFO flotillas over the city. The first time occurred October 16, 1999, producing a great deal of electrical energy in my neighbourhood. Several people and friends, observed this in a moment. I ran to the porch of my house and observed the craft. I noticed the cars were stopped, and their motors were not running or starting.

At 17:00 hours, I could see in the sky a UFO, spherical and metallic brown in colour. I was near a girl friend, who had a video camera in hand. But upon lifting the video-cam to record the mysterious UFO, the battery discharged in seconds, at that exact moment. Also, we felt a very strong headache which affected us. After four years of showing and giving this video to Astronomers and many investigators, the video was finally shown publicly and in some small fractions on the TV.

X Files Opened: The National Security Agency's UFO Investigations Unearthed..

16 November 2005... By Leonard David
Senior Space Writer...

There is one question that persistently circles the community of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) true-believers: If the government has nothing to hide, UFO fans often ask, then why is it keeping so many UFO records under lock and key?

"Well, it turns out that the government does have something to hide, but it has nothing to do with extraterrestrials," said Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists in Washington, D.C.

A document has surfaced that had been stamped "Top Secret Umbra" - the codeword for the highest, most sensitive category of communications intelligence.

The once-classified affidavit was originally filed by the National Security Agency (NSA) in a 1980 lawsuit to justify the withholding of records on UFOs. The document is largely declassified-with certain sections cut out, ostensibly to protect employee names, and keep NSA technologies, skills, and foreign connections out of the limelight.

The document-In Camera Affidavit of Eugene F. Yeates : Citizens Against UFO Secrecy v. National Security Agency, October 9, 1980 - was released in redacted form on November 3 in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from researcher Michael Ravnitzky and posted on the website of the Federation of American

Scientists.

Foreign signals

A read of the document yields insight into how a super-secret agency like the NSA became caught up in the UFO phenomenon.

Created in November 1952, The National Security Agency/Central Security Service is America's cryptologic organization. It coordinates, directs, and performs highly specialized activities to protect U.S. government information systems and churns out foreign signals intelligence information.

Being a high-tech organization, the NSA is a cutting-edge home for communications and data processing. It is also a centre for foreign language analysis and research within the government.

The just-released 1980 document explains that a total of 239 documents related to UFOs were located in NSA files, with 79 of those documents originating with other government agencies. One document is an account by an NSA official attending a UFO symposium. A healthy chunk of these reports were produced between 1958 and 1979.

Deceptive data

The titles of NSA-related UFO documents that are noted in the declassified document are intriguing, such as UFO Hypothesis and Survival Questions.

Another title cited is UFO's and the Intelligence Community Blind Spot to Surprise or Deceptive Data. In this seven-page, undated, unofficial draft of a monograph authored by an unnamed NSA employee, the author reportedly points out what he considers to be "a serious

shortcoming" in the NSA's communications intelligence (COMINT) interception and reporting procedures. That is, "the inability to respond correctly to surprising information or deliberately deceptive data."

The unidentified author uses the UFO phenomenon to illustrate his belief that the inability of the U.S. intelligence community to process this type of unusual data adversely affects U.S. intelligence gathering capabilities.

Within the pages of the newly-released affidavit-and between sections of excised copy-it shows NSA intercepted in 1971 communications between two aircraft and a ground controller discussing a "phenomena" in the sky, as well as radar screen observations, labelling what was viewed as "unidentifiable" objects.

Other intercepted and decrypted reports of bright lights, luminous objects, and unidentified aircraft-along with an elongated ball of fire-scooting through the skies over non-U.S. countries are noted too.

Intercept operations.

The 21-page affidavit makes clear that release of documents for public scrutiny, for a variety of reasons, "would seriously damage the ability of the United States to gather this vital intelligence information."

Furthermore, how the NSA works with a network of foreign sources, organizations, and other governments to secure intelligence data would be adversely affected.

The majority of these records, explained NSA official Eugene F. Yeates in

the 1980 affidavit, were communications intelligence reports that "are the product of intercept operations directed against foreign government controlled communications systems within their territorial boundaries."

New insight.

According to After good, the newly declassified Yeates affidavit provides new insight into the types of records sought by UFO researchers that have been withheld by NSA.

"Even with all of the deletions, one can get a sense of the enormous scale-and the apparent success-of the worldwide electronic intercept operations conducted by NSA at the height of the Cold War," Aftergood told SPACE.com.

"Unfortunately it is not clear from the affidavit how the withheld documents might have related to UFOs," Aftergood said. "There must have been some connection in order for them to be within the scope of the original FOIA request. but I have no idea what it was."

But for those hungry to show a great government conspiracy is at work and that alien-driven UFOs routinely cruise through our skies, the just brought to light document won't help you.

"The affidavit does not discount the UFO phenomenon. it simply doesn't address it one way or the other," Aftergood concluded.

To view the affidavit, check out:
<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/yeates-ufo.pdf>...



Minutes for the meeting on the 16th November 2005...

We welcomed a new visitor by the name of Roy (Sorry, but I didn't get his surname).

Due to Roger not being at the meeting, I was unable to play the planned videotape and so we listened to a Radio 4 program from the 3rd November with Nick Pope and Dr. Chris French.

Name Badges - Professional: I have enquired with a company to produce proper name badges with our logo, name and position within the group on. These will cost £50 to set up and £5.00 per name badge. We need to order 10 or more, but at the moment we are unable to raise this minimum number (10). This will again be brought up at January 2006 meeting.

Xmas Meeting: Everyone was asked that if they were attending this meeting to bring some food along with them for us to share.

New Year Meal: See further comments.

Printer update: I informed everyone that I had found a printer for £129.00 and so far the group had received donations of £123.00. I am going to wait until the next meeting to update everyone with the total amount donated and hopefully with the January Sales, we can get the printer in early 2006. With any extra money raised, this will be put forward to printer cartridges as they will work out at around £25.00 each and we will need 4 as spare.

2006 Meeting subjects: This was handed around to everyone and Steve Rider put his name down to give a talk at the August Paranormal evening. It was suggested that one evening that we look at the subject of hoaxing using photographs and so this is to be built into the program.

Library: I suggested that we have a small library of books that can be borrowed and I am looking into a small storage area at the meeting venue to store a box of these, TV/DVD combi unit and a portable CD radio player so that we have everything to hand and do not have to rely on people to bring this equipment to meetings.

SUFOG Internet Radio program: I informed everyone that I am starting on a new venture in 2006 with our own 90 minute radio program. Based in Havant, on a Saturday night from 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. There will be more on this at the December meeting and an update of the start date.

Magazine: To be produced on my family printer and hopefully to be posted out BY the 15th December to avoid the Christmas postal rush.

SUFOG lapel Badge: Alan is going to update us at the next meeting in December.

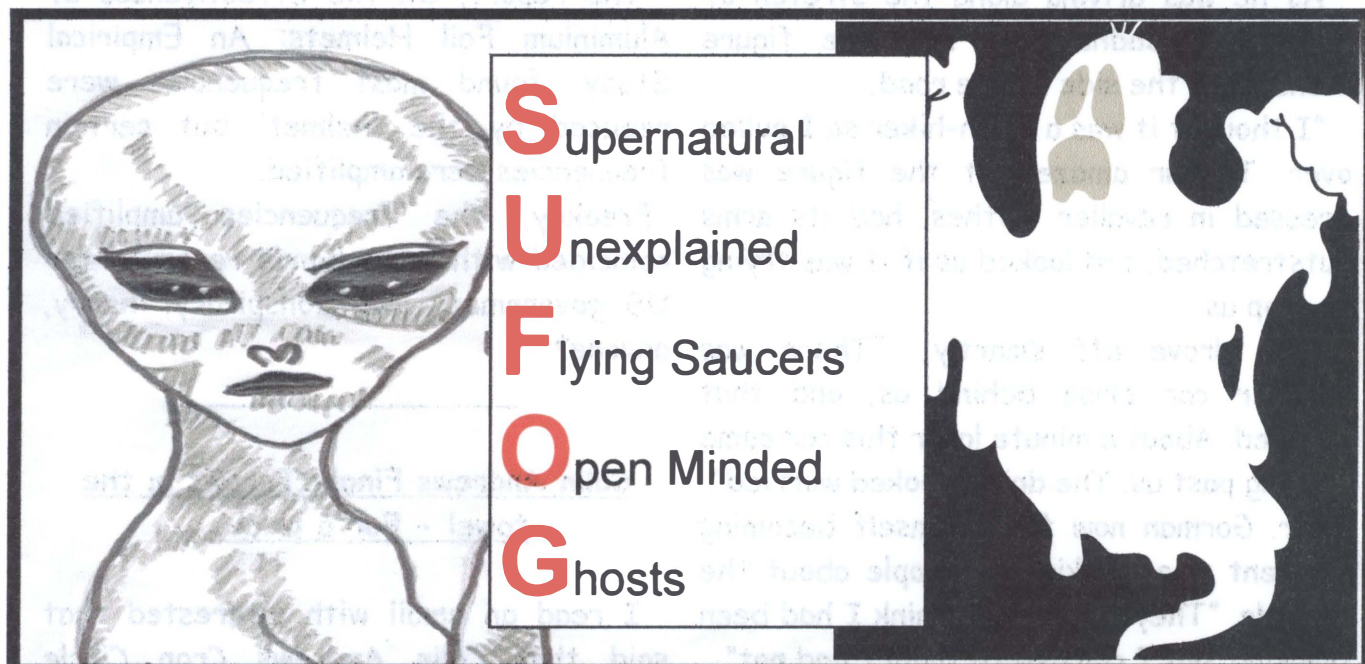
2006 and our 15th Birthday celebrations: I felt that we should do something to acknowledge this and 2 suggestions were raised :

1. Steve Rider (Secretary) suggested that we named a star after the group and it costs around £45.00. A lasting memorial to the group in the sense.
2. Julian Carson (Director of Investigations) suggested that at our September meeting that we in fact have a meal and he suggested The Mill at Titchfield. Maybe we can have our meal and retire to a smaller room so that our speaker (Hopefully Margaret Fry or someone else) can give us a presentation. We could have the meal from 7.30 - 9 p.m. and retire to a smaller room for the talk for about 45 mins and retire to the bar area afterwards. Obviously we will have to look into this more, but everyone thought that this was a good idea (We may have to move it to the Saturday night instead of the Thursday night but I see no problem with this).

Sightings Update: I updated the group with 3 more sightings that happened in Hampshire but were in fact posted on the National UFO Reporting Centre website in the USA.

Meeting closed at 21.45...

THE PARANORMAL HAS ARRIVED IN SUFOG...



A ghost or the devil caught in a
Southampton Cemetary...

The above photograph was taken in Hill Lane cemetery in Southampton and shows the chapel in the background. The ghostly or 'devilish' image was not there when the photograph was taken as with many ghost or UFO photographs... It seems to show a ghostly or a devil's face, and does this mean that someone or 'something' was trying to communicate from the other side... I leave you to think about that one...

The cavalier who wanted a lift...

Southampton Evening Echo :

31st May 1973..

HITCH-HIKERS wear some weird fashions these days - but one Southampton motorist saw a man dressed in cavalier costume standing by the side of the road just outside Southampton.

Car driver Bob Gorman of Whites Road, Bitterne, Southampton, looked closely and came to the conclusion that the figure was too realistic to be a new trend in fashion.

His astonishment was interrupted when his passenger fiancée Miss Eileen Obec, of Derby Road, Southampton, who also saw the figure urged him to driver on.

"She was scared stiff, and so was I", said Mr. Gorman. "Personally, I don't believe in ghosts or any of that rubbish, but this has me beat".

The strange story started as Bob, guitarist in the resident Southampton Top Rank Suite group Byrd 'n' Bees, was driving out of the city late at night bound for

Exeter.

As he was driving along the stretch of road near Cadnam he saw the figure standing at the side of the road.

"I thought it was a hitch-hiker so I pulled over. To our amazement the figure was dressed in cavalier clothes, had its arms outstretched, and looked as if it was trying to stop us.

"We drove off smartly... "There was another car close behind us, and that stopped. About a minute later this car came tearing past us. The driver looked worried".

Mr. Gorman now finds himself becoming reticent when talking to people about the episode. "They all seem to think I had been drinking, but I can assure them I had not".

Metro - London...November 16th 2005

Mel Gibson Has a lot to answer for. The star of the Hollywood movie Signs appears to have got a few too many people thinking. In the 2002 sci-fi blockbuster, Gibson and his family don tin-foil hats to stop aliens controlling their minds.

Now a group of scientists claim to have uncovered a US government plot to do the same thing (please, bear with us).

They believe people's minds are 'invaded' by special radio signals. But wait, it gets better.

The only way to block the messages is to wear 'protective' tin-foil hats.

Experts from the highly respected Massachusetts Institute of Technology have put £144,000 of equipment to use trying to disprove the theory. They put an antenna on the head of a subject and emitted radio signals at different frequencies with and without the

'protective' hat.

The report, On the Effectiveness of Aluminium Foil Helmets: An Empirical Study, found most frequencies were reduced by the 'helmet' but certain frequencies were amplified.

Freakily, the frequencies amplified coincided with radio bands reserved for US government use. Conspiracy theory, anyone?

Colin Andrews Finally Throws in the towel - For a price...

I read an email with interested that said that Colin Andrews Crop Circle collection was up for sale on Ebay!!! I eagerly logged on and had a look. Yes, it was true, Colin was selling his whole collection for a staggering \$250,000 or £145,636. The buyer had to pay the shipping of the material which would fill a container estimated at 20x20!!! Colin's reason: "The reason the database, archives and libraries are being sold is that after all my personal funds have been spent on the research and private funds and donations have dried up, there are no means left to continue. I lack the funds to research and/or utilize the data."

So the world of the paranormal loses another figure and they appear to be dropping like flies. How many known researchers into Crop Circles and UFO's will be left to continue the fight!!! Although crop circles have lost their magic over the years, it is sad to see Colin hanging up his dowsing rods and all, but With Colin and Busty Taylor gone, who is left?

Britons believe in ghosts....

More Britons believe in ghosts than God, according to research.

A total of 2,012 people were polled on their beliefs on the supernatural.

Over two thirds (68%) said they believe in the existence of ghosts and spirits.

Just over half (55%) said they believe in the existence of a God.

Some 26% believe in UFO's, 19% in reincarnation and 4% in the mythical Loch Ness Monster.

The survey found 12% believe they have actually seen a ghost.

Just over three quarters, (76%) said that reality TV shows and films like The Blair Witch Project have helped convince them spooks and ghouls really exist.

The poll was carried out in advance of Hallowe'en by entertainment retailer ChoicesUK.

Spokesman David Rich said: "We want to believe in ghosts more than ever."

Cattle Mutilations...

Cattle mutilations have been recorded in all 50 states, but no one's ever been caught. Now they're happening in Nevada again, and no one seems to know why.

More than 10,000 of these mutilations have been reported on ranches all over the country. It's a felony in many states, yet there's never been an arrest, yet alone a conviction. The mystery mutilators are back in action in northern Nevada, and lawmen there -- as elsewhere -- are completely stumped.

Nevada is still cattle country, with more than 500,000 head scattered over the vast rangelands of the state. Even in southern counties, it's not unusual to see scenes reminiscent of a John Ford western. But when

the sun goes down, death comes calling.

Seven times in the past few years, someone or something has crept into the fields of this ranch near Battle Mountain and has carved up cattle with surgical precision.

Lander county lawmen are as baffled as their counterparts around the country. They have few clues, no motive and no suspects.

"It could be considered rustling, which is a felony," says Lander County Deputy Sgt. Keith Altemueller. "There's no evidence I have of what happened, how it happened or who did it. There are no tracks, no sign of disturbance and generally no blood. The cuts are very sharp -- very unusual! I've lived in the desert all my life; I've seen what predators do. This is not what predators do." Former state Sen. Floyd Lamb has been ranching in nearby Lincoln County for most of his life. Twice his prize bulls have been taken, cut up and dumped by unknown perpetrators. Several of his neighbours have also been victimized.

"That's a crazy thing," Lamb says. "I don't know what it is -- take a bull; cut him up; dissect him. I don't understand that. Some kook."

A kook who can immobilize large animals without making any noise, slice them up, drain them of blood, leave no tracks, then disappear. Nevada cases date back at least to the '70s.

Recent mutilations have occurred in neighbouring Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. The parts taken include eyes, ears, sex organs and tongues. It isn't being done for food.

Dr. Colm Kelleher, a mutilation investigator, says: "There's no obvious indication its for food. The beef is never touched except on rare occasions."

Kelleher works for the National Institute for Discovery Science based in Las Vegas, the only scientific organization in the country that is seriously pursuing the mutilation mystery. The institute invites ranchers to

call and report mutilations. Teams are dispatched; samples are taken and analyzed. Answers though are hard to come by.

Kelleher says: "There hasn't been a single person caught or charged in the 50 states where there have been reports -- no one charged; no one caught. You expect people to eventually make mistakes, drink in a bar and brag about what they're doing. There is somebody out there, highly skilled in surgery, using sharp instruments doing animal mutilations."

If it isn't predators, then who? The suspects include the government or military, big industry, satanic cults. But there are problems with each scenario.

A Las Vegas institute is taking the lead in investigating the mystery.

On ranches all over the country, baffled lawmen are faced with mysterious mutilations, cuts performed with surgical precision, leaving no blood in the animal or on the ground. Often they occur within yards of homes, and sometimes, in broad daylight. More than 10,000 cases have been reported from all 50 states, but up to 80 percent of ranchers bury the animals and don't tell anyone.

Lander County Deputy Sgt. Keith Altemueller says: "It's happened so many times over so much time they assume there's nothing we can do, and they don't call us."

The Lander County sheriff's office has had seven or more calls, all from one ranch -- the only one in the county to be victimized. "Why isn't it happening to other ranchers in the county?" Altemueller asks. "It doesn't make sense to me."

One of the strangest cases of all occurred last fall in nearby Utah at 11 in the morning. A farmer had just tagged the ear of a newborn calf, walked over a hill for a few minutes, heard a noise and returned to find the calf completely stripped of flesh, cut as if with a scalpel.

Dr. Colm Kelleher, a mutilation investigator, says: "It was perfectly cleanly done, the removal of 60 percent of the body weight of an animal in broad daylight."

Kelleher works for NIDS, the National

Institute for Discovery Science, based in Las Vegas. The institute has teams of investigators it dispatches to mutilation sites to investigate, collect samples, then analyse the samples at national labs. Tests prove that sharp instruments are used in the mutilations -- ruling out predators. But what about a satanic cult, as has been suggested in some states?

Kelleher says: "We went through scenarios of how a cult could do that. No tracks, disable the mother, remove a calf to somewhere -- no blood where it was left -- drain it of flesh and blood, take the carcass back and leave it in 45 minutes. That's difficult to comprehend if it's a random attack by a cult."

Some of the cattle apparently have been dropped as if from the air. Odd chemicals, like a cauterizing agent, have been found in some cases. Could the government be doing environmental monitoring, or perhaps big industry?

Altemueller asks: "Why leave the carcasses where they can be found? Why not do your own clinical research?"

While researching this story, the I-Team found its own mutilation near the small Nevada town of Austin. It showed the classic signs but had been in the field too long to justify analysis. For ranchers like Floyd Lamb and investigators everywhere, there are lots more questions than answers. Lamb says: "It's hard to understand why anyone would drive up, kill an animal and take the male parts -- beyond me to understand it."

Whoever is behind it must have their own airpower, because many of the most recent cases have occurred at the 10,000-foot level of New Mexico, in snow-covered mountains where it can be very tricky to fly. Even in cases where the animals are found mutilated in snow, there are no tracks to be found, even by professional trackers.